

Remarks

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Interview granted on February 27, 2004.

Claims 1-22 were pending in the application prior to this Amendment. Claims 10-22 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, and claims 1-9 have been allowed.

Applicants hereby affirm the provisional election to prosecute claims 1-9. As a result, claims 10-22 have been canceled.


Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended as agreed during the Interview. More specifically, "multi-layer" has been deleted from line 2 of claim 1. Claim 23 has also been added to recite that the substrate comprises multiple layers.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in

condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need
to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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